

And Nov. 15th 1834 Wilmington Decr 27. 1833
to Dr. Jno. Torrey



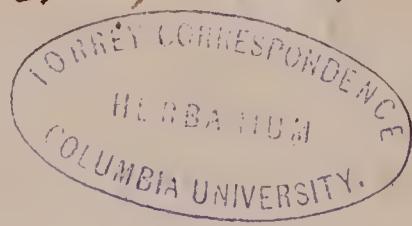
Dr. Jno.

You letter reached me at the busiest & most perplexed period of my whole life, or I should have received an earlier reply. & even now I can only make you promises of aid to be rendered sometime in the ensuing spring. For some months I have been engaged in winding up an extensive business, which I have pursued for 20 years preparatory to a retirement into the country, when my facilities for serving you will be much increased — mean time my herbarium is in disorder and I can not conveniently select & forward such specimens as I think would be useful to you, nor command the time requisite to prepare a Catalogue of such plants as have come within the range of my notice. Moreover, having prepared specimens only with a view to future reference for my own satisfaction

the number has seldom exceeded two or three but before the spring opens I will endeavor to make out a list of what plants I know hereabouts, and will with pleasure prepare & forward such of them as you may desire. — My friend and botanical colleague Mr. Moseley at Curtis is now at the North (Charles town West.) Should you meet with him you will find him prepared to furnish you with a list ~~of descriptions of~~ nearly all our plants, & by his superior attainments in this branch of botany to render you more useful service than

Yr obt st.

James G. M. Pease



P.S. Scopied from Loomis's Catalogue the names of such plants as you have been noted, and have expressed to Dr. Loomis my willingness to aid him in supplying you

J. G. M. P.